(c) the amount estimated to be produced by t'ne integrated steel plants and mini-steel plants separately; and

(d) whether Government are encouraging large mini-steel plants to come up in the private/joint sector?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (c) The assessed demand and estimated availability of finished steel in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period is shown in the Annexure. (See Appendix CXLVH, Annexure No. 83)

(b) It is proposaed to increase indigenous production by modernisation and expansion of existing integrated steel plants amd establishment of additional steel making capacities in the country.

(d) Under the existing guidelines for ferrous metallurgical industry, new steel making capacities of 50,000 tonnes per annum are permitted to be set up in certain hilly and remote areas. In addition existing steel plants who undertake modernization by improving their productivity and reducing energy consumption are allowed expansion upto a maximum capacity of 2.5 lakh tonnes.

Central assistance to flood affected people in Madhya Pradesh

1780. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the floods in Madhya Pra desh also affected a number of families in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what were the number of -people affected by the floods and to what extent the Central Aid was provided to these victims and what rehabilitation measures have been taken for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Government of Madhya Pradesh has not reported any damage due to floods during South-West Monsoon of 1988.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Briiish fertilizer Education project in M. P.

1781. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level team of Overseas Development Administration visited Bhopal recently;

(b) whether the above visit was in connection with t'ne Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation in implementing the Indo-British Fertilizer Education Project in the State; and

(c) if so, what were the main discussions held with the high level team and to what extent it helped in implementing the Indo-British Fertilizer Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to" (c) Yes, Sir. A monitoring team of Overseas Development Administration visited certain districts Of Madhya Pradesh with a view of monitoring the implementation of the Indo-British Fertilizer Education Project. Rain-fed farming project also figured in the discussions. Such visits by the monitoring team and the discussions are useful for the effective implementation of the project.

Recruitment of physically handicapped in Govt, office and public sector undertaings

1782. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quota reserved for physically handicapped persons or recruitment in Government Department and public Sector Undertakings;

(b) what is the present backlog; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to ensure that all qualified disabled persons are provided jobs and that they are not discriminated in employment opportunities?